

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A method for generating, displaying and recording healthcare service information, the method comprising:

electronically selecting a pool of healthcare procedures characteristically performed by ~~a particular~~ a specialized healthcare provider of a healthcare facility for inclusion in a ~~eustomizable~~ form generated for the practice of the specialized healthcare provider, wherein the pool of healthcare procedures reflect the medical services rendered by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider;

electronically selecting one or more healthcare diagnoses characteristically employed by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider for inclusion in the ~~eustomizable~~ form, wherein the one or more diagnoses are reasons for performing at least one of the procedures from the pool of healthcare procedures characteristically performed by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider;

generating the ~~eustomizable~~ form in an integrated graphical display by defining display specifications that relate to a display of the healthcare procedures characteristically performed by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider and the healthcare diagnoses characteristically employed by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider, wherein the display specifications are based on ~~individual user~~ the preferences of the specialized healthcare provider, and wherein said step for generating the ~~eustomizable~~ form comprises:

using a computer interface to define a new structure for the ~~eustomizable~~ form that is not generated from a printed data form, selecting a number of rows

for inclusion into the ~~eustomizable~~ form, defining specifications relating to the pool of healthcare procedures performed by the specialized healthcare provider in the practice of the specialized healthcare provider, defining specifications relating to the one or more healthcare diagnoses pertaining to the practice of the specialized healthcare provider, displaying a reference to the ~~eustomizable~~ form in a searchable field within a form definition window, populating one or more fields of the form definition window, displaying the form definition window with the populated fields, entering procedure and diagnosis codes adapted to the practice of the specialized healthcare provider, and displaying a preview of the ~~eustomizable~~ form; and

determining a particular sequence of the pool of healthcare procedures based upon user preferences;

selecting at least one of (i) a diagnosis of the ~~eustomizable~~ form and (ii) a procedure of the ~~eustomizable~~ form in association with the specialized healthcare provider rendering one of the procedures from the pool of healthcare procedures on a patient; and

displaying billing information on a real time basis and prior to the rendering of the one of the procedures on the patient to allow the specialized healthcare provider to inform and advise the patient as to available healthcare services ~~to~~ that may be rendered, including the most cost efficient healthcare alternative for the patient.

22. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 21, wherein the step for using the ~~eustomizable~~ form to display billing information is performed during an examination of the

patient, and wherein the step for using the ~~customizable~~ form to display billing information includes allowing the healthcare provider to selectively adjust the cost of rendering the one of the procedures at the time of the examination of the patient.

23. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 21, wherein the step for generating the ~~customizable~~ form comprises including in the ~~customizable~~ form at least one of:

- (i) one or more other healthcare procedures characteristically used by another healthcare provider of the healthcare facility; and
- (ii) one or more other healthcare diagnoses characteristically employed by another healthcare provider of the healthcare facility.

24. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the pool of healthcare procedures characteristically performed by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider and the one or more other healthcare procedures used by another healthcare provider are healthcare procedures characteristically performed by healthcare providers of the healthcare facility.

25. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the one or more healthcare diagnoses characteristically performed by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider and the one or more other healthcare diagnoses employed by another healthcare provider are healthcare diagnoses characteristically used by healthcare providers of the healthcare facility.

26. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 21, further comprising a step for ~~eustomizing~~ generating the ~~eustomizable~~ form to reflect all of the healthcare procedures performed at the healthcare facility.

27. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 21, wherein the step for using the ~~eustomizable~~ form includes using the ~~eustomizable~~ form to automatically create an accurate billing record statement for the patient.

28. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein the step for using the ~~eustomizable~~ form to automatically create an accurate billing record is performed in real time.

29. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein the billing record corresponds to standards established in the industry.

Claims 30-31 (cancelled)

32. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 21, wherein the step for using the ~~eustomizable~~ form comprises the steps for:

identifying any procedures used on the patient;

identifying any diagnoses employed to cause the procedures to be used on the patient; and

preserving the ~~eustomizable~~ form with the identified diagnoses and procedures as part of a medical history of the patient.

Claims 33-41 (cancelled)

42. (currently amended) A method for generating, displaying and recording healthcare service information, the method comprising:

electronically selecting a pool of healthcare procedures characteristically performed by a ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider of a healthcare facility for inclusion in a ~~eustomizable~~ form generated for the practice of the specialized healthcare provider, wherein the pool of healthcare procedures reflect the medical services rendered by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider;

electronically selecting one or more healthcare diagnoses characteristically employed by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider for inclusion in the ~~eustomizable~~ form, wherein the one or more diagnoses are reasons for performing at least one of the procedures from the pool of healthcare procedures characteristically performed by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider;

generating the ~~eustomizable~~ form in an integrated graphical display by defining display specifications that relate to a display of the healthcare procedures characteristically performed by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider and the healthcare diagnoses characteristically employed by the ~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider, wherein the display specifications are based on ~~individual-user~~ the preferences of the specialized healthcare provider, and wherein said step for generating the ~~eustomizable~~ form comprises:

using a computer interface to define a new structure for the ~~eustomizable~~ form that is not generated from a printed data form, selecting a number of rows

for inclusion into the ~~eustomizable~~ form, defining specifications relating to the pool of healthcare procedures performed by the specialized healthcare provider in the practice of the specialized healthcare provider, defining specifications relating to the one or more healthcare diagnoses pertaining to the practice of the specialized healthcare provider, displaying a reference to the ~~eustomizable~~ form in a searchable field within a form definition window, populating one or more fields of the form definition window, displaying the form definition window with the populated fields, entering procedure and diagnosis codes adapted to the practice of the specialized healthcare provider, and displaying a preview of the ~~eustomizable~~ form; and

determining a particular sequence of the pool of healthcare procedures based upon user preferences; and

selecting at least one of (i) a diagnosis of the ~~eustomizable~~ form and (ii) a procedure of the ~~eustomizable~~ form in association with the specialized healthcare provider rendering one of the procedures from the pool of healthcare procedures on a patient.

43. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 42, wherein the step for using the ~~eustomizable~~ form further comprises:

rendering the ~~eustomizable~~ form, comprising: (i) indicating a selection of a diagnosis of the ~~eustomizable~~ form, (ii) indicating a selection of a procedure of the ~~eustomizable~~ form, and (iii) indicating any cost modification for the diagnosis or the procedure indicated on the ~~eustomizable~~ form different from a cost typically billed by the

~~particular~~ specialized healthcare provider for the diagnosis or the procedure indicated on the ~~customizable~~ form, and wherein the step for rendering the ~~customizable~~ form further includes displaying billing information on a real time basis and prior to the performing of the one of the procedures on the patient to allow the specialized healthcare provider to inform and advise the patient as to healthcare service to that may be provided, including the most cost efficient healthcare alternative for the patient.

44. (new) A method for creating a form for use by a specialized healthcare provider, comprising:

selecting the specialized healthcare provider;

determining a first pool of healthcare procedures characteristically rendered by the specialized healthcare provider;

determining a second pool of healthcare diagnoses characteristically employed by the specialized healthcare provider;

generating the form wherein the form comprises the first pool and the second pool of healthcare procedures and diagnoses characteristically performed and employed by the specialized healthcare provider;

wherein the specialized healthcare provider employs the form to record healthcare service information of a patient as part of the healthcare services provided to the patient.

45. (new) The method of claim 44, wherein the specialized healthcare provider employs the form by selecting at least one of (i) a diagnosis of the form and (ii) a procedure of

the form in association with the specialized healthcare provider rendering one of the procedures from the first pool of healthcare procedures on the patient.

46. (new) The method of claim 45, wherein a computer interface is used to generate the form.

47. (new) The method of claim 46, wherein a user further performs the steps of:

- selecting a number of rows for inclusion into the form;
- defining specifications relating to the first pool of healthcare procedures characteristically performed by the specialized healthcare provider;
- defining specifications relating to the second pool of healthcare diagnoses characteristically employed by the specialized healthcare provider;
- displaying a reference to the form in a searchable field within a form definition window;
- populating one or more fields of the form definition window;
- displaying the form definition window with the populated fields;
- entering procedure and diagnostic codes adapted to the practice of the specialized healthcare provider; and
- displaying a preview of the form.

48. (new) The method of claim 47, wherein the form displays billing information on a real time basis and prior to the rendering of the one of the procedures on the patient to allow the specialized healthcare provider to inform and advise the patient as to available healthcare

services that may be rendered, including the most cost efficient healthcare alternative for the patient.

49. (new) The method of claim 45, wherein the form includes at least one of:

- (i) one or more additional healthcare procedures characteristically used by another healthcare provider of the healthcare facility; and
- (ii) one or more healthcare additional diagnoses characteristically employed by another healthcare provider of the healthcare facility.

50. (new) The method of claim 49, wherein the first pool of healthcare procedures characteristically performed by the specialized healthcare provider and the one or more additional healthcare procedures used by another healthcare provider are healthcare procedures characteristically performed by healthcare providers of the healthcare facility.

51. (new) The method of claim 50, wherein the second pool of healthcare diagnoses characteristically employed by the specialized healthcare provider and the one or more additional healthcare diagnoses employed by another healthcare provider are healthcare diagnoses characteristically employed by healthcare providers of the healthcare facility.

52. (new) The method of claim 45, wherein the form comprises all of the healthcare procedures performed at the healthcare facility.

53. (new) The method of claim 48, wherein the form is used to automatically create an accurate billing record statement for the patient.

54. (new) The method of claim 54, wherein the accurate billing record statement is created in real time.

55. (new) The method of claim 55, wherein the accurate billing record statement corresponds to standards established in the industry.